

Vessel he ever had his foot on; & as She is here under that character from 2 good Judges I will take care that she shall have Such a head as will please you. Remember me to your family & our friends

adieu—

Yours

THO. BLOUNT

I must necessarily go this Summer & early to Knoxville & the Sweet Springs—I propose starting ab^t. 20th [instant] if possible—

Addressed: Free Tho. Blount
John Gray Blount Esquire
Washington
N^o. Carolina

William Charles Lake to John Gray & Thomas Blount

LIVERPOOL March 6th. 1795

J:G: & Tho: Blount Esq^{rs}.

Gent^t.

I have been in expectation of the favor of a line from you but presume the want of a direct intercourse has prevented it

The present state of this country, in regard to other Continental Powers being highly interesting to America I cannot refrain from occasionally informing my friends of the State of this Market. Holland being now in the hands of the French and the great Naval preparations making to resist their increas'd force by this conquest, must be a means of considerably enhancing the Price of all Naval Stores, & Lumber of all Kinds must keep high from [2] the increas'd difficulty of getting it from the Northern Powers in the Baltic. Provisions of every kind are high through the Continental War, which is highly advantageous to your States in the introduction of your abundant Harvests. It will at all times afford me pleasure to be serviceable to you here, being with Esteem & respect

Gentm

Your most obed^t. Serv^t.

W^m. CHA: LAKE